Chicago Safe Routes to School – Safe Routes to High School (SRTS/SRTHS)



Marshall Community High School and Faraday Elementary School
Recommended Improvements

Agenda

- Goals
- Related Programs
- Project Location/Area
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- Improvement Types
- Proposed Plan
- Project Schedule
- Next Steps





Goals

- Promote walking and biking to school
- Increase safety for school children
- Raise safety awareness among drivers
- Improve pedestrian, bicycle and traffic designs
- Decrease vehicular speed
- Engage the community in support of pedestrian safety
- Use engineering, education, and enforcement





Related Programs

- CDOT
 - Chicago Pedestrian Plan
 - Chicago Forward Agenda
 - Complete Streets Design Guidelines
 - Child Safety Zones
 - Walk to Transit
 - Aldermanic Menu Program
 - Sidewalk-RCMA Program ADA ramps
 - Traffic Signal Program
 - Arterial Street Resurfacing
 - Streetscapes

- IDOT
 - Congest Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
 Improvement Funding



Streets for Cycling 2020

Streets for Cycling Plan 2020 Bikeway Network







Legend

Neighborhood Bike Route (310 Miles)

Shorter routes that utilize neighborhood streets to connect Crosstown Bikeways and provide access to local destinations, such as parks, schook, transit, and neighborhood retail, as well as residential areas. Many of these streets are already conducive to bicycling so the amount of new infrastructure required will vary from block to block.



Crosstown Bike Route (275 Miles)

Long, continuous routes on commercial streets that connect neighborhoods, major destinations and local bikeways. The majori of the protected bike lanes in Chicago will be located along Crosstown Bike Routes.



Spoke Route (60 Miles)

Chicago's most direct routes in and out of the downtown area for bicyclists. These streets will be reimagined over the next eight years to provide bicyclists with the safest, quickest and most comfortable accommodations possible.



Existing Bike Lane or Marked Shared Lane

Existing Off-Street Trail

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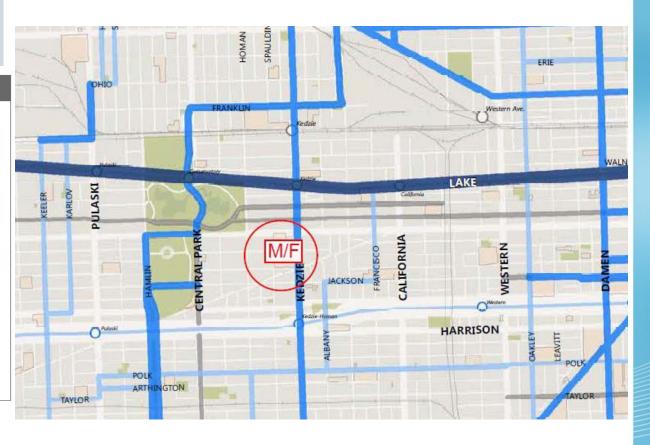
Open Space/Cemetery

College Campus/School Grounds

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Project Area



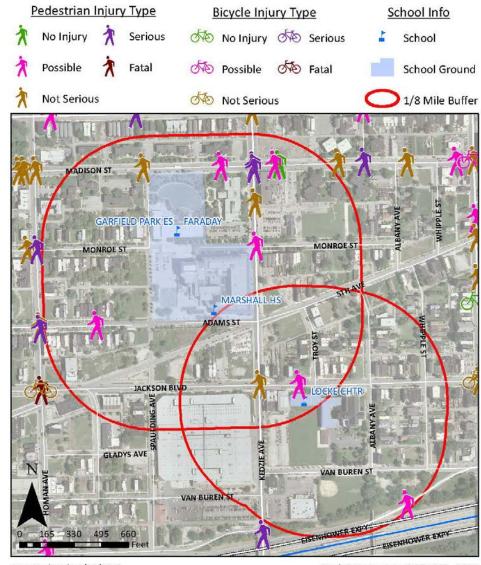


Background Selection

- 10 high schools and elementary schools selected around the city.
- The area around Marshall and Faraday had a higher frequency of pedestrian and bicycle crashes than areas around comparable schools.
- School administrators expressed an interest in participating in the program.



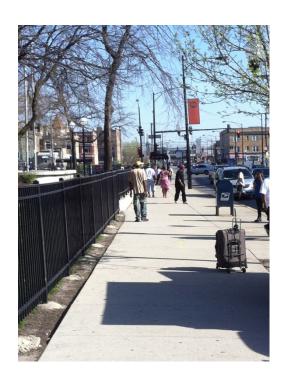
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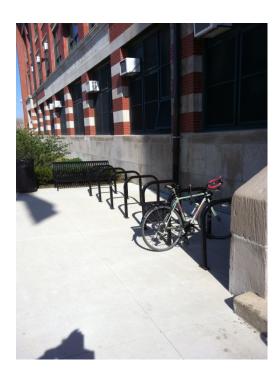


Map Updated: 4/25/2013

Crash Data Source: IDOT 2009 - 2011

Existing Conditions









Improvement Types

Pedestrian Realm:

- Crosswalk improvements
- Sidewalk Improvements
- Bicycle Racks
- ADA Ramps (at selected locations)

Traffic Realm:

- Pedestrian Crossing Safety
- Driver Speed Feedback Signs
- Traffic Signal Improvements
 - Count-Down Pedestrian Heads
- Improved Signage
- Updated Pavement Markings



Pedestrian Crossing Safety

Pedestrian Curb Bump Out

- Spaulding Ave. Direction change from one-way south to one-way north
- Bump out will be added to northeast corner of Monroe and Spaulding intersection





Traffic Signal Improvements

- Countdown Signals
 - 25% Injury Crash Reduction Factor
 - Discourages crossing without time for safe crossing.
- At Kedzie and Madison
- At Kedzie and Jackson
- At Homan and Madison
- At Homan and Jackson

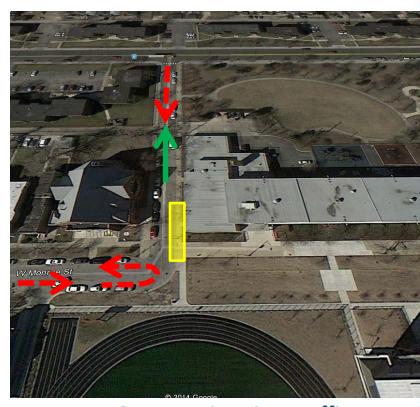




Traffic Operation Improvements

- Existing One-Way Southbound on Spaulding
 - Parking Along West Curb Interferes with School Bus Loading/Unloading
 - Neighborhood and Drop-off Traffic
 Bypass Stopped Buses
 - Students Must Cross Traffic on Spaulding
- Proposed One-Way Northbound on Spaulding
 - Loading Zone on East Curb, No Need For Students to Cross Traffic
 - Less Demand For Parking on East Curb
 - Bus Route Relatively Unchanged
 - Signal at Madison and Homan Works Well, Anticipate No Increase in Cut-Through Traffic





Current Direction TrafficProposed Direction of TrafficProposed Bus Loading Zone

ADA Ramps





 On Madison at Spaulding at crossing location to Access Westbound CTA #20 Bus



Crosswalk Improvements

Typical crosswalk



High Visibility crosswalk





Improved Signage





School Speed Limit Assembly



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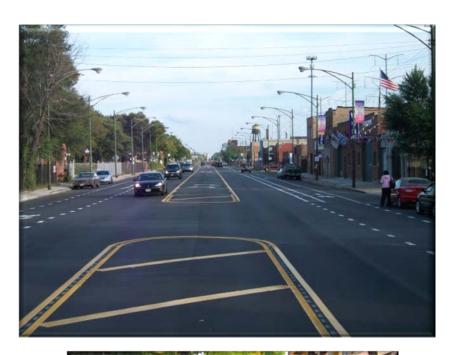
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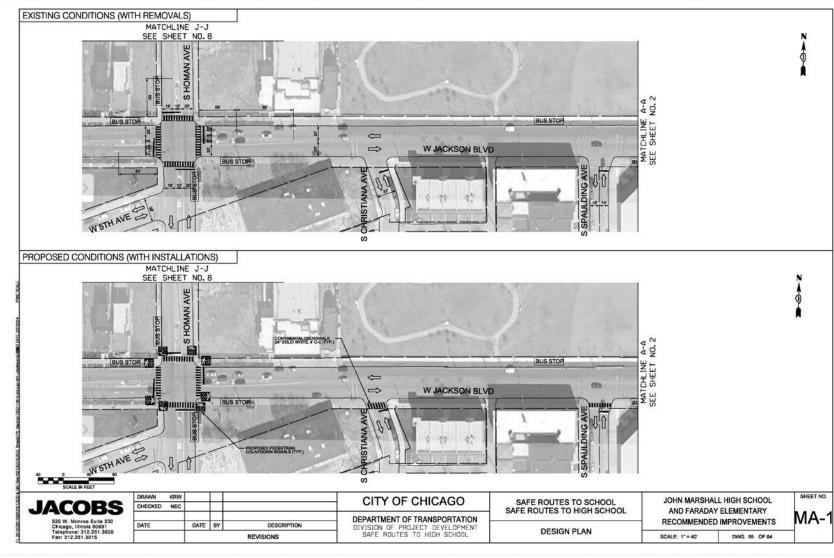
Pavement Markings

- Define Crosswalks and Stop Bars
- Increase Visibility
- Identify Enforcement Zone
- Reduce Parking Confusion
- Mark "Safety Zone"
- Encourage motorist to slow and watch for children.

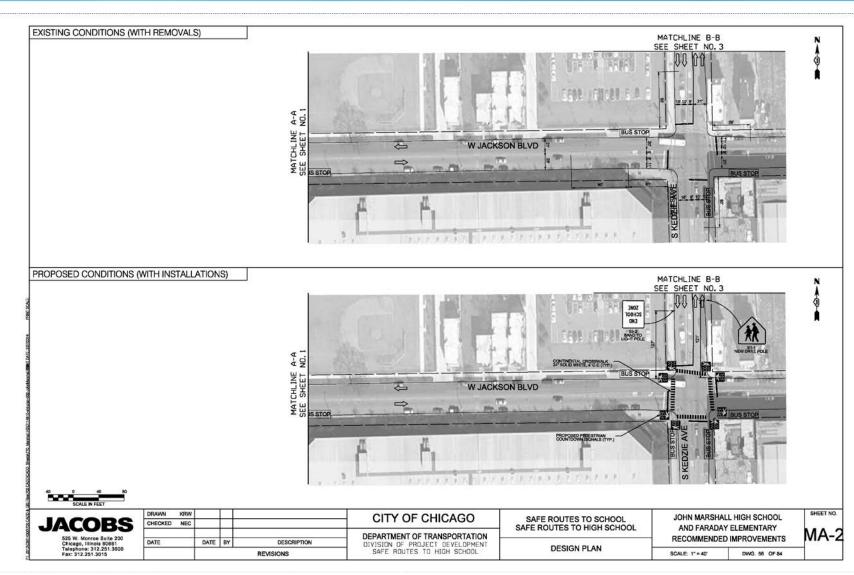




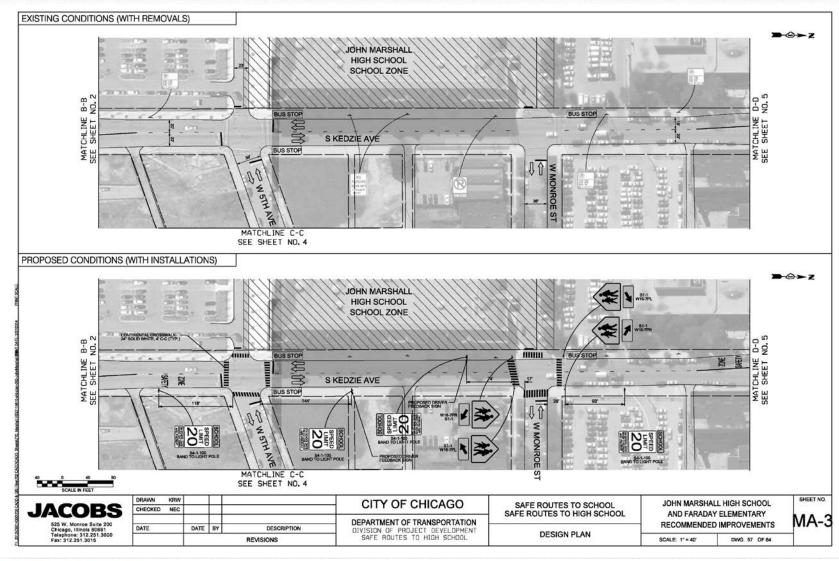




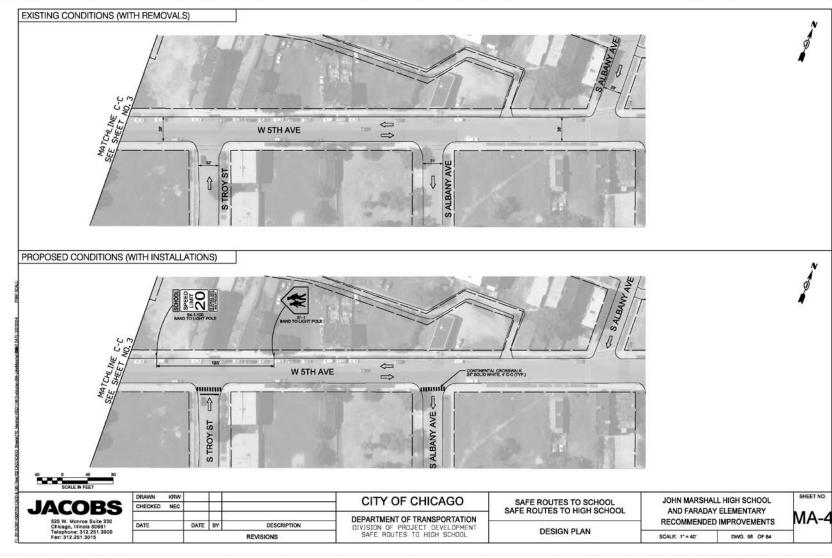




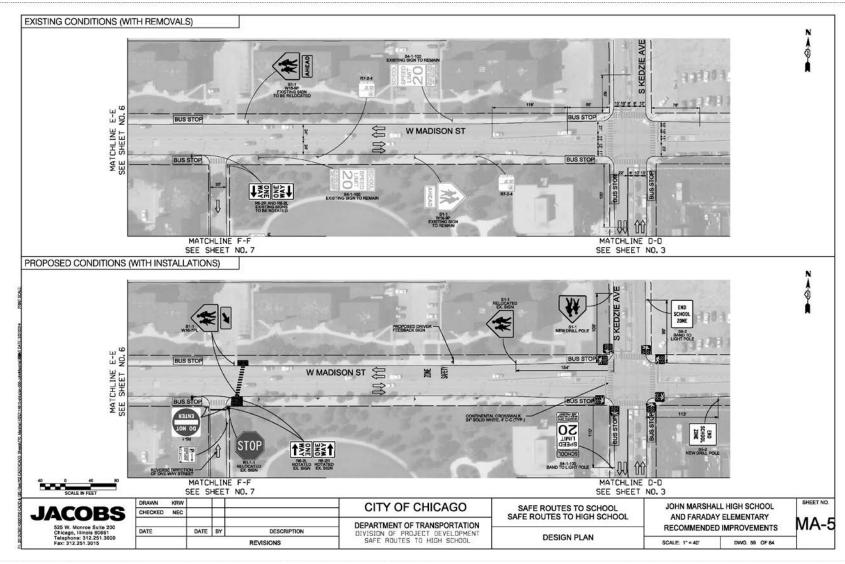




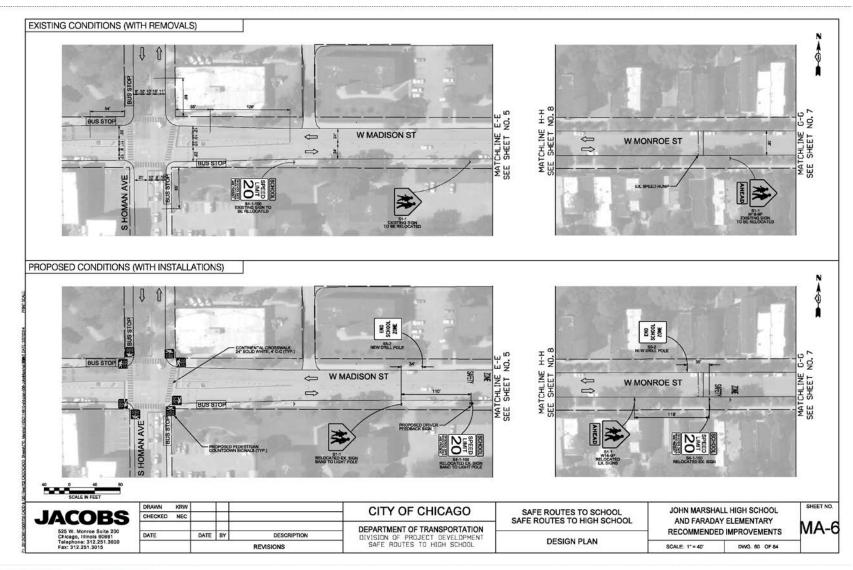




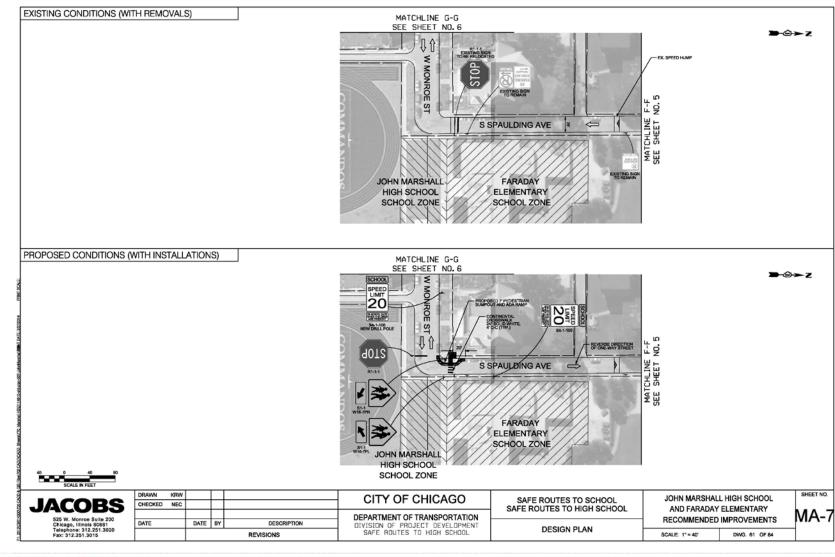




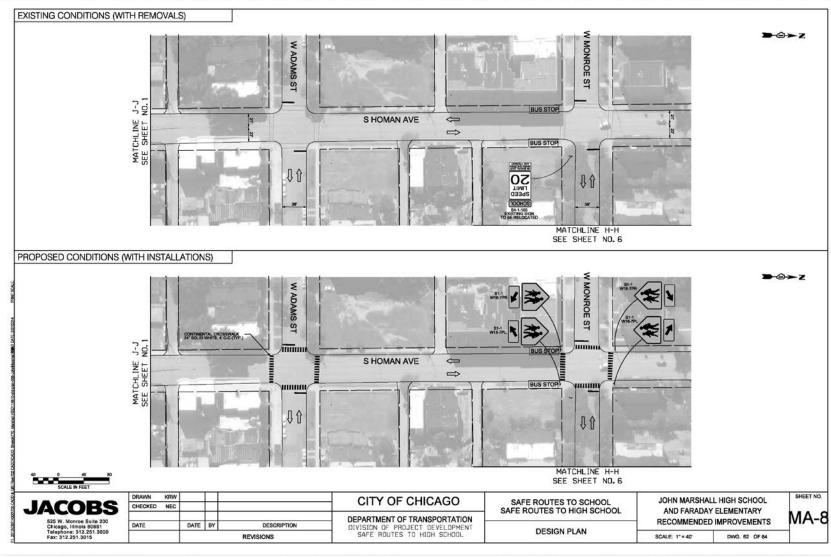














Next Steps

- Community meetings
- Environmental review spring 2014
- Review data and implement changes and/or improvements
- Plan and Specification Preparation Summer 2014
- Construction and enhancements

Review Exhibits of Improvements Locations





Please Provide Comments and

Thank You

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